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SUBJ: DUTCH UNIONS OPPOSE LABOR PARTY ACTION AGAINST PAP

REF: THE HAGUE 2384

1. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN DUTCH TRADE UNION
FEDERATION, FNV, HAS INFORMED US THAT UNION OPPOSES DUTCH
LABOR PARTY (PVDA) INITIATIVE TO EXPEL SINGAPORE SOCIALIST
PARTY (PAP) FROM SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. DUTCH UNIONS
HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED SIGN PETITIONS AND APPEALS AGAINST
PAP.

2. AFTER RECEIVING ONE USCH PETITION, WIM KOK, FNV PRESI-
DENT WROTE TO SINGAPORE NATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION
(SNTUC) GENERAL SECRETARY ASKING FOR HIS COMMENTS ON
CHARGES AGAINST PAP. GENERAL SECRETARY RESPONDED IN FOUR-
PAGE LETTER WHICH DUTCH FEDERATION SAYS SATISFIED IT THAT IT
WOULD BE WRONG TO EXPEL PAP. FNV HAS WRITTEN BACK TO SNTUC
THANKING THEM FOR CONFIRMING
ATTITUDES HELD BY DUTCH TRADE UNIONISTS.

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3. FNV OFFICER COMMENTED TO US THAT HE EXPECTED SNTUC WOULD

USE LETTER IN FIGHT TO BLOCK EFFORT TO HAVE PAP EXPELLED,
A PROSPECT WHICH WILL NOT PLEASE LABOR PARTY EXECUTIVE
BOARD. PAP EXPULSION PROPOSAL, HE SAID, IS ANOTHER IN
SERIES OF ATTEMPTS BY ACTIVISTS ON PVDA BOARD TO EMBARRASS
FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, A MODERATE IN THE PARTY.

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD POINT OUT, AS LONDON DID EARLIER
WITH RESPECT TO UK, THAT, WHILE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SING-
APORAN OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL POLICIES PUSHED BY LABOR PARTY EXEC-
UTIVE AND THOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT, EVEN THOUGH LATTER IS COMPOSED
OF A PVDA-LED COALITION. FNV DOES NOT SLAVISHLY FOLLOW
INTERNATIONAL LINE OF EITHER.
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